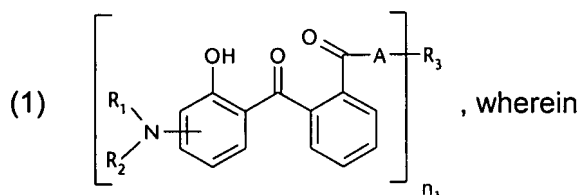


IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly amend the claims to read as follows.

1. (previously presented) Compound of formula



R_1 and R_2 independently from each other are; C_1 - C_{20} alkyl; C_2 - C_{20} alkenyl; C_3 - C_{10} cycloalkyl; or C_3 - C_{10} cycloalkenyl; or R_1 and R_2 together with the linking nitrogen atom form a 5- or 6-membered heterocyclic ring;

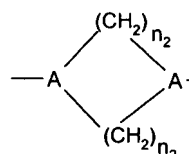
n_1 is a number from 1 to 4;

when $n_1 = 1$,

R_3 is a saturated or unsaturated heterocyclic radical;

when n_1 is 2,

R_3 is an alkyl-, cycloalkylene, alkenylene or phenylene radical which is optionally substituted by a carbonyl- or carboxy group; or a radical of formula $\cdot -CH_2-C\equiv C-CH_2-\cdot$; or R_3 together with A forms

a bivalent radical of the formula (1a)  ; wherein

n_2 is a number from 1 to 3;

when n_1 is 3,

R_3 is an alkantriyl radical;

when n_1 is 4,

R_3 is an alkantetrayl radical;

A is -O-; or -N(R_5)-; and

R_5 is hydrogen; C_1 - C_5 alkyl; or hydroxy- C_1 - C_5 alkyl.

2. (currently amended) Compound according to claim 1, wherein

R₁ and R₂ independently from each other are C₁-C₂₀alkyl; C₂-C₂₀alkenyl; C₃-C₁₀cycloalkyl; or C₃-C₁₀cycloalkenyl; or R₁ and R₂ together with the linking nitrogen atom form a 5- or 6-membered heterocyclic ring;

n₁ is a number from 1 to 4;

when n₁ is 1,

R₃ is a saturated or unsaturated heterocyclic radical;

when n₁ is 2,

R₃ is an alkyl-, cycloalkyl- or alkenylene radical which is optionally interrupted by a carbonyl- or carboxy group;

when n₁ is 3,

R₃ is an alkantriyl radical;

when n₁ is 4,

R₃ is an alkanetetrayl radical;

A is -O-; or -N(R₅)-; and

R₅ is hydrogen; C₁-C₅alkyl; or hydroxy-C₁-C₅alkyl.

3. (previously presented) Compound according to claim 1, wherein

R₁ and R₂ are C₁-C₂₀alkyl.

4. (previously presented) Compound according to claim 1, wherein

R₁ and R₂ independently from each other are C₁-C₅alkyl.

5. (previously presented) Compound according to claim 1, wherein

R₁ and R₂ in formula (1) have the same definition.

6. (cancelled)

7. (previously presented) Compound according to claim 1, wherein

if n_1 is 1,

R_3 is a saturated heterocyclic radical.

8. (original) Compound according to claim 7, wherein

R_3 is a monocyclic radical of 5, 6 or 7 ring members with one or more hetero atoms.

9. (previously presented) Compound according to claim 8, wherein

R_3 is morpholinyl; piperazinyl; piperidyl; pyrazolidinyl; imadazolidinyl; or pyrrolidinyl.

10. (previously presented) Compound according to claim 1, wherein

R_3 is an unsaturated heterocyclic radical.

11. (original) Compound according to claim 10, wherein

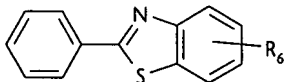
R_3 a polycyclic radical.

12. (previously presented) Compound according to claim 1, wherein

R_3 is a radical of formula (1a)  R_3 , and

R_5 is polycyclic heteroaromatic radical with one or 2 heteroatoms.

13. (original) Compound according to claim 12, wherein

R_3 is a radical of formula (1b)  R_6 , wherein


R_6 is hydrogen; or C_1 - C_5 alkyl.

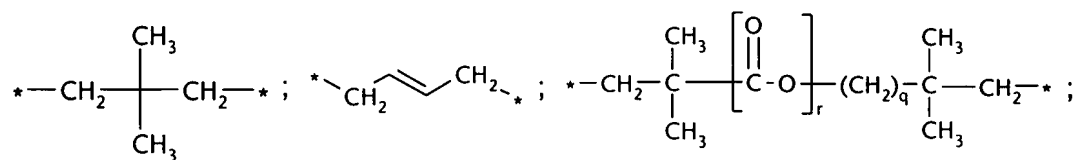
14. (previously presented) Compound according to claim 1, wherein,

if n_1 is 2,

R_3 is a C_1 - C_{12} alkylene radical.

15. (original) Compound according to claim 14, wherein

R_3 is a radical of formula $*-CH_2-(CH_2)_m-CH_2-*$; $*-CH_2-$  $-CH_2-*$;



r is 0 or 1; and

q = is a number from 0 to 5.

16. (previously presented) Compound according to claim 1 , wherein,

when n_1 is 3;

R_3 is a radical of formula (1a) $*-\text{CH}_2-\overset{*}{\underset{|}{\text{CH}}}-\text{(CH}_2\text{)}_p-\text{CH}_2-*$ or (1b) $*-\text{CH}_2-\overset{*}{\underset{|}{\text{CH}}}-\text{CH}_2-*$ and

p is a number from 0 to 3; and

R_1 , R_2 and A are defined as in formula (1).

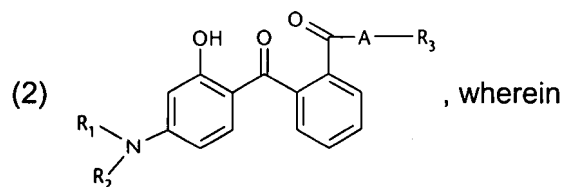
17. (previously presented) Compound according to claim 1, wherein, when

n_1 is 4,

R_3 is a radical of formula $*-\overset{*}{\underset{|}{\text{C}}}-*$; or $*-\text{CH}_2-\overset{*}{\underset{\text{CH}_2}{\underset{|}{\text{C}}}}-\text{CH}_2-*$; and

R_1 , R_2 and A are defined as in formula (1).

18. (currently amended) Compound according to claim 1, which corresponds to formula

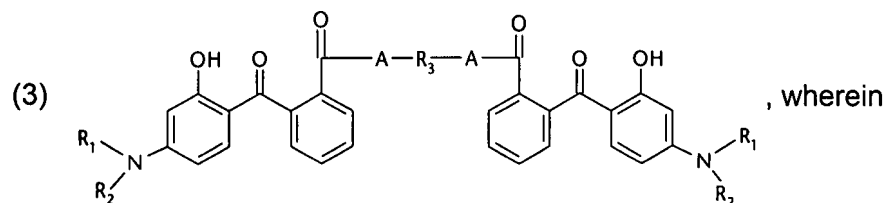


R_1 and R_2 independently from each other are C_1 - C_5 alkyl;

A is -NH; or -O-; and

R_3 is a saturated or unsaturated heterocyclic radical.

19. (currently amended) Compound according to claim 1, which corresponds to formula

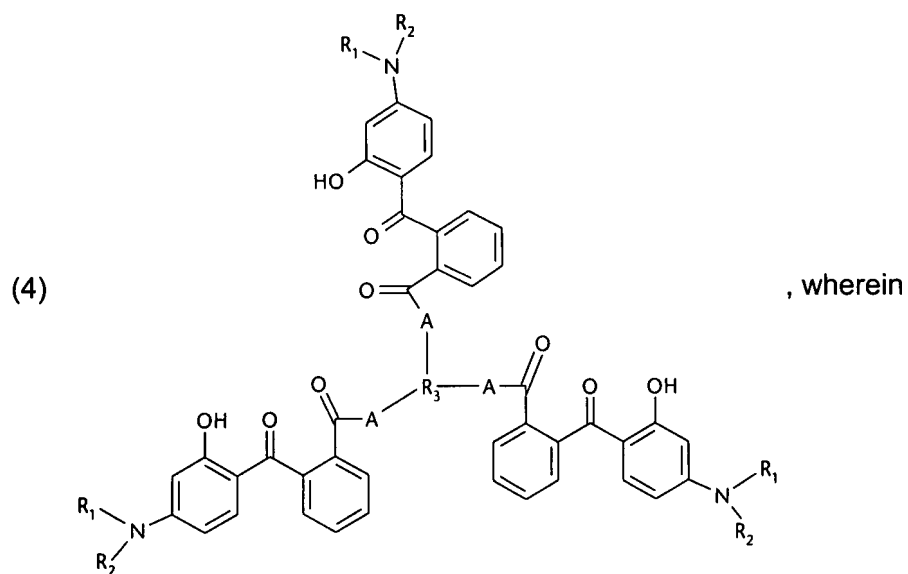


R_1 and R_2 independently from each other are C_1 - C_5 alkyl;

A is -NH; or -O-; and

R_3 is a C_1 - C_{12} alkylene radical.

20. (currently amended) Compound according to claim 1, which corresponds to formula



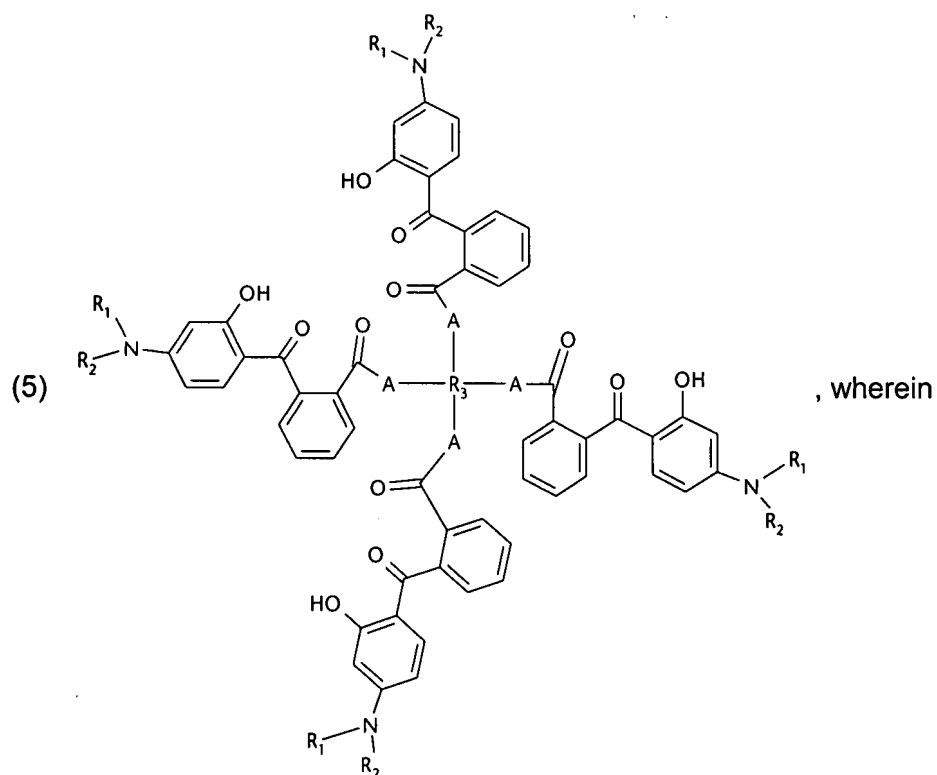
R_1 and R_2 independently from each other are C_1 - C_5 alkyl;

A is $-NH-$; or $-O-$; and

R_3 is $^*-CH_2-\overset{*}{\underset{|}{CH}}-(CH_2)_p-CH_2-^*$ or $^*-CH_2-\overset{*}{\underset{|}{\overset{|}{CH}}}-^*$; and

p is a number from 0 to 3.

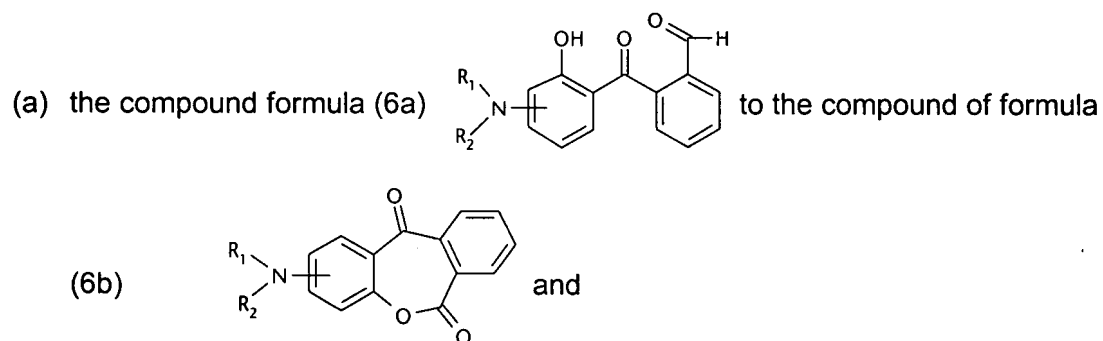
21. (original) Compound according to claim 1, which corresponds to formula



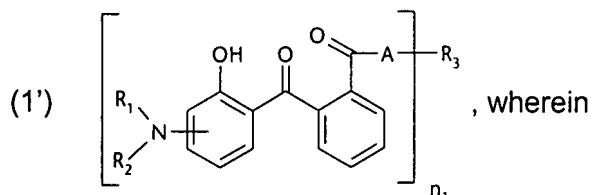
R_3 is a radical of formula $\begin{array}{c} * \\ | \\ * - C - * \\ | \\ * \end{array}$; or $\begin{array}{c} * \\ | \\ * - CH_2 - C - CH_2 - * \\ | \\ CH_2 \\ | \\ * \end{array}$; and

R_1 , R_2 and A are defined as in formula (1).

22. (previously presented) A process for the preparation of the compounds of formula (1), which comprises, dehydrating



(b) reacting the anhydride with the compound of formula (6c₁) H-N(R₅)-R₃ or (6c₂) H-O-R₃ to the compound of formula



R₁ and R₂ independently from each other are hydrogen; C₁-C₂₀alkyl; C₂-C₂₀alkenyl; C₃-C₁₀cycloalkyl; or C₃-C₁₀cycloalkenyl; or R₁ and R₂ together with the linking nitrogen atom form a 5- or 6-membered heterocyclic ring;

n₁ is 1 to 4;

if n₁ is 1,

R₃ is hydrogen; C₁-C₂₀alkyl; hydroxy-C₁-C₅alkyl; C₂-C₂₀alkenyl; C₃-C₁₀-cyclohexyl not substituted or substituted with one or more C₁-C₅alkyl; (Y-O)_pZ; C₆-C₁₀aryl; or a saturated or unsaturated heterocyclic radical;

Y is C₁-C₁₂alkylen;

Z is C₁-C₅alkyl;

p is a number from 1 to 20;

if n₁ is 2,

R₃ is a alkylene-, cycloalkylene- or alkenylene radical which is optionally interrupted by carbonyl- or carboxy group;

if n₁ is 3,

R₃ is an alkantriyl radical;

if n₁ is 4,

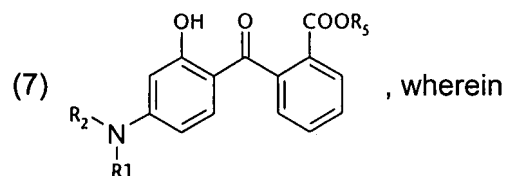
R₃ is a alkantetrayl radical;

A is -O-; or -N(R₅)-;

R₅ is hydrogen; C₁-C₅alkyl; or hydroxy-C₁-C₅alkyl; and

R₅ is hydrogen; C₁-C₅alkyl; or hydroxy-C₁-C₅alkyl.

23. (previously presented) Process according to claim 22, wherein the process refers to compounds of formula



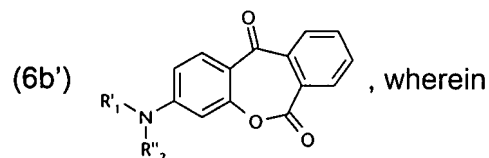
R₁ and R₂ independently from each other are C₁-C₁₂alkyl; and
R₅ is hydrogen; C₁-C₁₂alkyl; or C₃-C₆-cycloalkyl.

24. (canceled)

25. (canceled)

26. (original) A cosmetic preparation comprising at least one or more compounds of formula (1) according to claim 1 with cosmetically acceptable carriers or adjuvants.

27. (previously presented) Compounds of formula

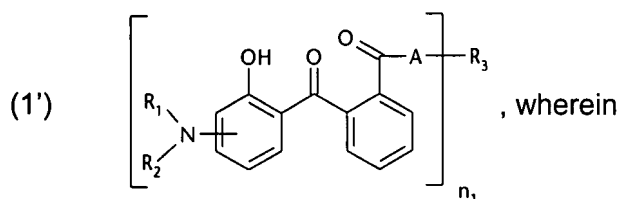


R₁' and R₂' independently from each other are hydrogen; C₁-C₂₀alkyl; C₂-C₂₀alkenyl; C₃-C₁₀-cycloalkyl; or C₃-C₁₀cycloalkenyl; or R₁ and R₂ together with the linking nitrogen atom form a 5- or 6-membered heterocyclic ring.

28. (canceled)

29. (currently amended) UV-Absorber-dispersion, comprising

(a) a micronised UV absorber of formula



R_1 and R_2 independently from each other are hydrogen; C_1 - C_{20} alkyl; C_2 - C_{20} alkenyl; C_3 - C_{10} cycloalkyl; or C_3 - C_{10} cycloalkenyl; or R_1 and R_2 together with the linking nitrogen atom form a 5- or 6-membered heterocyclic ring;

when n_1 is 1,

R_3 is hydroxy- C_1 - C_5 alkyl; C_2 - C_{20} alkenyl; $(Y-O)_pZ$; C_6 - C_{10} aryl; or a saturated or unsaturated heterocyclic radical;

Y C_1 - C_{12} alkylen;

Z C_1 - C_5 alkyl;

p is a number from 1 to 20;

when n_1 is 2,

R_3 is a alkylen-, cycloalkylen- or alkenylen- radical optionally interrupted by a carbonyl- or carboxy group;

if n_1 is 3,

R_3 is an alkantriyl radical;

if n_1 is 4,

R_3 is an alkantetrayl radical;

A is -O-; or -N(R_5)-; and

R_5 is hydrogen; C_1 - C_5 alkyl; or hydroxy- C_1 - C_5 alkyl;

having a particle size from 0.02 to 2 μm , and

(b) a suitable dispersing agent.

30. (previously presented) A cosmetic preparation according to claim 26, wherein the compounds of formula (1) are present in micronized form.